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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/688,608	Applicant(s) IBE ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7, 10 and 12-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7, 10 and 12-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 January 2008 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment/Remarks

Disposition of Claims

- I. Claims 5-7, 10, and 12-33 remain pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

- II. Claims 5-7, 10, and 12-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 7 recites “the controller maintaining the calls to the mobile terminal by maintaining the calls over the cellular carrier network and through the fixed radio terminal and over the wireless local area network to the mobile terminal, which is communicating via the wireless local area network” in lines 13-17. This limitation does not adequately describe how the controller maintains the calls to the mobile terminal because it is unclear what is meant by the terms “over” and “through” within the context of the limitation. The limitation renders the claim indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 10 recites “wherein each of the calls is maintained by the controller over the cellular carrier network and through the fixed radio terminal and over the wireless local area network to the mobile terminal, which is communicating via the wireless local area network” in

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lines 10-14. This limitation does not adequately describe how the controller maintains the calls because it is unclear what is meant by the terms “over” and “through” within the context of the limitation. The limitation renders the claim indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 10 recites the limitation "the calls from the cellular carrier network" in lines 7-8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because the claim earlier refers to calls between a wireless local area network and a cellular carrier network.

Claim 23 recites “wherein each of the calls to the mobile terminal is maintained over the cellular carrier network and through the fixed radio terminal and over the wireless local area network to the mobile terminal, when the mobile is communicating via the wireless local area network” in lines 10-14. This limitation does not adequately describe how the calls to the mobile terminal are maintained because it is unclear what is meant by the terms “over” and “through” within the context of the limitation. The limitation renders the claim indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 23 recites the limitation "the calls from the cellular carrier network" in lines 7-8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because the claim earlier refers to calls between a wireless local area network and a cellular carrier network.

Claims 5-6, 12-22, 24-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph based on their dependence of claims 7, 10, and 23.

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Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

III. Claims 5-7, 10 and 12-33 may be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Response to Remarks

IV. Applicant's remarks with respect to claims 5-7, 10, and 12-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

V. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Pitcher et al. Pub. No.: US 2002/0131387 A1 discloses a cellular system with cybercells.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRANDON J. MILLER whose telephone number is (571)272-7869. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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